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AMEMBASSY RABAT

C O N F I D E N T I A L CASABLANCA 0596

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN MO

SUBJ: LEAD TO POSSIBLE DOLLAR COUNTERFEITING RING

MADRID FOR LEGATT GRIMALDI

1. ON 22 JULY CONSULATE OFFICER INTERVIEWED APPARENT FRENCHMAN WHO GAVE HIS NAME TO RECEPTIONIST AS MR CASTERA (BUT LATER CLAIMED THIS FALSE). HE WANTED TALK TO AMERICAN OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICE MATTERS. WHEN TOLD THERE NO SUCH OFFICIAL HERE HE AGREED REVEAL REASON FOR HIS REQUEST PRIVATELY TO CONSULATE OFFICER SO THAT RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL COULD BE ADVISED AND COULD POSSIBLY CONTACT HIM. IN ESSENCE HE CLAIMS HAVE INFORMATION ON RING OF 4-5 PERSONS IN FRANCE WHO ARE IN PROCESS COUNTERFEITING DOLLARS. THEY LAUNDER ONE DOLLAR BILLS FOR USE IN PRINTING \$100 DOLLAR BILLS AND HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH A SWISS BANK TO OBTAIN LEGITIMATE SERIAL NUMBERS. SUBJECT CLAIMS NOT WANT MONEY FOR INFORMATION BUT HELP IN CLEARING HIS NAME WITH FRENCH AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM HE IN TROUBLE (DETAILS NOT CLEAR) SO HE CAN RETURN TO FRANCE WHERE HIS FAMILY RESIDES.

2. SUBJECT REFUSED TO GIVE HIS REAL NAME OR IDENTIFY HIMSELF. HE IS WHITE CAUCASIAN AND SPEAKS ONLY FRENCH. HE CLAIMS TO BE FROM LYONS WHERE HE WAS WORKING IN "CHAUFFAGE SANITARE." IN 1968 HE GOT IN TROUBLE AND WAS ARRESTED SEVERAL TIMES. HE THEN MOVED TO FRANKFURT, GERMANY. IN 1972 HE WAS IN PRISON FOR SEVEN

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MONTHS IN THE COSTA DE BRAVA AREA OF SPAIN ON CHARGES OF DRUG

POSSESSION (WHICH WAS FLASE ACCORDING TO SUBJECT). AFTERWARD
HE LIVED FOR A WHILE IN MILAN, ITALY AND THEN CAME TO CASA-
BLANCA ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO. HE WITHOUT PROPER IDENTIFICATION
HERE SO FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO FIND WORK.

3. CONSULATE HAS NO WAY TO VERIFY SUBJECT'S IDENTITY OR HIS
STORY. REQUEST LEGATT ADVISE IF HE DESIRES COME CASABLANCA
TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS LEAD OR PROVIDE GUIDANCE IF THIS NOT
FEASIBLE. REQUEST PRIORITY RESPONSE AS SUBJECT WILL BE CALLING
CONSULATE OFFICER MORNING 25 JULY.
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